

PICTURES OF PEERLESS PAREE

Americans Swarming the Most Beautiful City in Europe.

A FRENCH VIEW OF LIBERTY.

The Condition of the Working Classes—Women Crowding the Men—The Market Houses—Mr. Roosevelt's Observation.

PARIS, France, July 20.—[Editorial correspondence of THE BEE.] This is the golden harvest season of the Parisians. The leading Parisian daily Le Figaro very pertinently remarks the other day: "The English predominance in London, but not in Paris, is not in the least a disadvantage. Paris is decidedly French, and Paris remains Italian to the core, but Paris is no longer the habitation of the French, at any rate during the summer season. We have given up our hotels, theaters and public resorts to the Americans and English, and the Champs-Élysées and great boulevards are monopolized by foreigners."

Swarming With Americans.

This is literally true. Paris is just now swarming with Americans. English sight-seers and tourists more English speak at the leading hotels and on the principal thoroughfares than French. Hotel keepers, shopkeepers, and brokers in tourist tickets are not the only people in Paris who seek to cater to Americans and Englishmen. At the "Press Circle," the famous club which counts among its 2,400 members the most eminent journalists, authors and artists of the French metropolis, I noticed in conspicuous letters on a sign hanging over the door of the buffet, whisky cocktails, brandy cocktails, sherry cocktails, claret cocktails, gin cocktails, etc. and in gin sling—mixtures that are not to be classed among the beverages usually drunk by Frenchmen.

Discussing American Morals.

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Barbers Not "In It."

While Parisians, and in fact the mercantile class of all large European cities, are constantly trying to satisfy the wants of Americans, they have as yet failed lamentably to gratify the wants of the Americans who patronize the barber shop.

His Face in a Basin

and wipe it on the apron that was around his neck while being shaved. And while the French barber is very polite, and thanks you before you have washed your face, and again after you have washed the change, he never seems to realize your discomfort, but is bound to make himself comfortable.

The French Work Easy.

The disposition to work comfortably is manifested by the French laboring class generally. Last week a general railroad employees strike was threatened and the main point at issue was the demand for an extension of the hour now allowed for lunches at noon to an hour and a half. A strike to obtain an hour and a half instead of an hour for dinner would hardly be contemplated by American workmen.

The Wages Paid.

While the French laborer does his work at leisure he is poorly paid. In Paris the common laborer earns four francs (eighty cents) a day. In the suburbs, and in the interior of France only three francs a day is paid for unskilled labor. Mechanics and skilled workmen earn from five to eight francs a day.

The Employment of Women.

The most striking thing in the labor world hereabouts is the general employment of women in branches that are largely monopolized in America by men. Women are selling tickets at the railway stations, and at the theaters where they often act as ushers in the corridors leading to the boxes. They do nearly all the book-keeping in the hotels and stores, and they are found everywhere in positions that do not require heavy labor.

The Market Houses.

In Paris the vast market halls are perfect ant hills of humanity from dawn until noon daily, including Sundays. The suburban towns, in fact every town and village in France has its market-houses and market-gardens, where the producer deals directly with the consumer. Much of the proverbial prosperity of the French farmer is due to his ability to market nearly all his products at home, and the custom of doing this marketing through their wives and daughters while

they are at work tilling the soil or harvesting their crops.

Farming in France.

The prevailing discontent among American farmers in general and farmers in the states west of the Mississippi in particular, has given rise to some peculiar notions regarding the exceptional condition of the French farmer. I have given this subject considerable attention and hope to be able to throw some light upon it within a few weeks.

DOINGS AT HASTINGS.

Breezy Bits of Gossip Both Personal and Pointed.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 8.—[Special to THE BEE.]—William M. Dutton has purchased a lot with a sixty-six-foot front on the corner of Second street and Denver avenue. He will at once erect a handsome three-story brick block at a cost of \$30,000 on the site, and J. H. Hanes & Co. will move their wholesale hardware stock in the new building.

August 17, 18 and 19 will be gala days in Hastings. On the 17th and 18th the Hastings club will play Plattsmouth for the championship of the state. Both clubs are expected to win. On the 19th the independent state convention meets here. The same day August and the 19th are given over to the district election.

The Hastings Democrat, which voices the public sentiment of this section nearer than any other paper, is silent as to the gravity of the county ticket nominated by the independent convention. If nothing more, it indicates that the democrats are not ready to fight the issue.

Harvesting is now occupying the attention of the farmers, almost to the exclusion of politics. The grain is coming in in three quantities, and as they are very good they bring remunerative prices.

R. A. Batty, chairman of the democratic central committee, and John C. Stevens, chairman of the democratic county committee, R. B. Wankulski, secretary of the county committee, A. S. Johnson, secretary of the district committee, and many other prominent democrats, set to Governor Thayer on Friday a protest against the appointment of B. B. Batty as district assessor. The protest was signed by the democratic assessor for this district as a democrat. It asserts that Batty, on last May, reneged his connection with the democratic party, and is now a full-fledged independent. It further prays that Governor Thayer appoint some good democrat to take Mr. Batty's place.

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THE BOYD COUNTY LANDS.

O'Neill Crowded with Citizens Anxious to Make a Settlement.

PARADISE FOR AGRICULTURALISTS.

Evidence on Every Side Indicating the Wealth to Be Secured from the Product of the Farm.

O'NEILL, Neb., Aug. 8.—[Special to THE BEE.]—O'Neill has been crowded with settlers for several days and still they come. In order to secure land in Boyd county it is necessary to come here and make the filings before the United States land office.

Over eighty filings were recorded yesterday, and it is expected that as many more will be made today, as the homesteaders are arriving brought by the wagon loads.

Mr. George Humphrey, commissioner of public lands and buildings, arrived in O'Neill last night. He was accompanied by his deputy and today they went over the country to Boyd county to select indemnity school lands.

Extremely hot weather is bringing out the corn and the crop prospects are excellent. Largest yield of small grain ever known in this section. This adds to the interest of the contest and makes all anxious to get some of the land.

Very busy in Valley County. The Valley County Teachers' institute meets here Monday, August 10, for a session of two weeks. A large attendance is expected, arrangements being made for 230 teachers. County Superintendent L. A. Parks will conduct the institute and take charge of the classes in civil government, United States history and civics, Hattie C. Wooley, superintendent of York's public schools, is assistant conductor and will take charge of the classes in civics and teaching arithmetic and grammar.

Prof. J. L. Lavery of the Grand Island business college, special instructor in bookkeeping, Prof. J. E. Nickerson in penmanship.

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With their coats off and with handkerchiefs and face cream, the members of the board of education sweltered through a batch of routine business last night which would have done them credit upon an occasion of more comfortable temperature.

Superintendent Hamilton reported that the contractor, Mr. Menzies, had done no work on the Kellom school since the superintendent's dispute with him last week ago, and had stated to him that the work should not be resumed until Bell & Berlinghoff were recognized as the superintendents according to the contract; placed on file.

Superintendent Hamilton also submitted some recommendations with reference to some repairs at the Omaha view school.

An estimate in favor of the contractor, Mr. Menzies, for \$1,500, was presented by Bell & Berlinghoff, placed on file.

The issue of D. Small company presented a bill for \$172, as a 10 percent estimate on the furnaces for the Kellom school; referred to the committee on finance.

Miss Lizzie Witman asked the board to pay her \$20 for filling the place of assistant principal. The board voted to pay her \$20 for the month of May and June. This was asked as additional salary. Miss Witman having been paid her regular salary as a teacher for the time being.

Attorney McCoy reported that he had looked over the proposed change of grade on Twenty-fifth street and that a union job contractor should be employed to do the work. He stated that the change of grade would not damage the school property much. He stated, however, that the change of grade would require the removal of a house from the street.

The secretary was instructed to advertise for bids on work and to place a notice for the better location of the high school.

The committee on buildings and property was instructed to proceed with the work of grading the site for the new high school in case Mr. Hoffman did not, within a week, furnish a clear title to the grounds that he had agreed to sell to the board.

The secretary was authorized to advertise for bids for the plumbing of the Kellom school according to plans furnished by Bell & Berlinghoff.

The committee on buildings and property reported in favor of erecting a building on the Clifton hill site, instead of renting a building.

The contract for the plumbing in the closets of the Kellom school was awarded to Graham Park at \$800, and to the Clifton hill site, instead of renting a building.

The committee on teachers, to which the Central Park principal difficulty was referred, reported in the following language:

Considerable opposition is manifested to the re-election of Miss Reed. At least two-thirds of the patrons of the school are strongly in favor of the re-election of Miss Reed. A considerable portion of the opposition to Miss Reed is based on the fact that she is a woman, and is not a native-born American citizen.

Before the report was adopted a petition or communication from some of those who were opposed to the re-election of Miss Reed was presented to the board. The petition was signed by Miss Reed and another hearing was held on the subject.

City Engineer O. V. P. Stout tendered his resignation last evening to the city council which was accepted. County Surveyor H. K. Keary resigned his office as county surveyor, and his resignation was accepted by the city council.

Within a few days after being notified of the nomination both Fall and Grubb publicly declined the nomination at the hands of the democratic party with the intention, it is supposed, of being elected by the independent convention today.

The action of this convention is awaited with great interest, as there will be a lively scramble for the leaves and fishes, a legion of office seekers being in the race.

Real estate men are quietly looking on and saving wool. They will, however, be heard from later, and will be "in it" at the finish.

Picnic in Saline County.

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